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**FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM COUNCIL OF CO-OWNERS  
SWIMMING POOL RULES**

***The primary purpose of these rules is the safety and well-being of all Fairlington Meadows residents and guests who enjoy the pool during the summer. The lifeguards are hired to protect swimmers and enforce the rules. Everyone within the pool enclosure is asked to review and abide by these rules.***

**A. Overview and Entrance to the Pool**

1. All residents coming to the pool must have a current Fairlington Meadows recreation card to enter the pool area. Persons without a card will not be permitted to enter.
2. All patrons are expected to show the pool staff respect and cooperation at all times and to adhere to the terms of the rules and regulations stated herein. Owners are responsible for the actions of their tenants, guests and family members.
3. Enforcement: The pool staff shall take appropriate action deemed necessary for the safe and orderly operation of the pool facilities, pursuant to the terms of the related contractual agreement. The lifeguards shall have the authority to require temporary removal of a patron from the pool facilities, due to violations which pose a threat to the safety of that patron or others, or the preservation of the pool facilities. Such removal shall be effective for the rest of the operational day of the pool and shall be reported to the Board of Directors for any further enforcement action. Any violation of these rules shall be deemed a violation of Article VI, Section 6 #4 of the By-Laws Conduct of Conduct and may result in suspension of pool use privileges for a maximum of 30 (thirty) days per violation, by decision of the Board of Directors, after appropriate notice and due process procedures have been implemented. Additional information about enforcement is at the end of the list of rules.
4. Schedule: Pool hours and days are listed on the pool bulletin board and on the Fairlington Meadows website. Such hours and days are subject to change from season to season based on the contractual agreement with the pool management staff, as approved by the Board of Directors. The lifeguards will blow the whistle to request everyone in the pool and enclosure to begin to pack up to leave at 10 minutes before closing time (usually 8:50 p.m.).
5. Breaks: No persons shall be permitted in the pool during an hourly five minute break period, called by the lifeguards. During this five minute period, the guards may test the water, vacuum the pool or perform other duties.
6. Maximum Occupancy: The maximum occupancy of the main pool is 125, and of the wading pool is 21.

**B. Recreation Cards**

1. Recreation Cards: Annual recreation cards are issued to either the registered residents of a Unit who are 12 years of age or older, or to the non-resident Owner(s) of a Fairlington Meadows Unit, but not to both. The Council shall issue recreation cards to the age-qualified residents of a Unit, unless directed by the Owner that transfer of use rights to the resident shall not occur for a particular year.
2. Patrons ages 12 and up entering the pool enclosure must present their recreation cards to the lifeguard and sign in at the sign-in table at every visit, to gain access to the pool facilities.

3. Patrons under the age of 12 do not need to display a recreation card, but such children must be accompanied at all times, by an individual with a recreation card who must be 16 years of age or older.
4. A recreation card cannot be used by any person other than the one named on the card.
5. A permanent card holder may obtain a temporary recreation pass for a pool season for use by a care provider of a resident or Owner who must accompany that resident or Owner to the pool facilities, if the permanent card holder submits a written request to the Pool Committee, identifying the temporary user by name and the Pool Committee deems the temporary pass request appropriate to grant in light of the rules contained herein.

### **C. Guests and Pool Parties**

1. Guests: Residents from one unit may bring up to six guests to the pool. Guests must be accompanied by their sponsoring recreation card holder at the pool at any given time. Guests are subject to all pool rules, and residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests. If the resident is already at the pool when his/her guest arrives, the resident must go to the sign-in table and sign in the guest (i.e., guests cannot sign themselves in).
2. Residents who wish to bring more than six guests to the pool will be considered to be requesting permission to have a pool party, and they must fill out a Request for Pool Party Form. This form must be submitted at least ten days in advance to the Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee. A decision about the pool party request will be made within seven days of receipt.
3. Residents who do not have advance written permission from the Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee for a pool party, will not be permitted to have a pool party. There will be no exceptions.
4. Pool Parties: Pool parties are limited to 15-20 guests total. Pool parties are limited to two hours at a date and time that is pre-approved by the Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee. The lifeguard staff does not take pool party requests or have any authority to authorize a pool party.
5. Pool parties that have over ten guests will be subject to a \$50.00 fee.
6. Pool parties will not be scheduled at the same time as other approved pool parties, or when other official pool social events have been scheduled.

### **D. Health**

1. Smoking is NOT permitted at the pool facility, in the restrooms, or within 25 feet of the pool entrance or facility fence.
2. Persons with skin diseases, communicable diseases, open lesions, nasal discharges, eye infections or wearing large bandages (does not include Band Aids) are not permitted in the pool.
3. Persons who are not toilet trained are required to wear rubber or plastic pants over swim diapers (not disposable diapers) at all times.
4. Should a swimmer vomit, urinate or defecate in the pool, the pool will be immediately closed until cleaned in accordance with Arlington County Health Department Regulations.
5. No spitting or spouting water in the pool.

### **E. Safety**

1. Running, "speed walking," pushing, acrobatics, wrestling or causing disturbances in or around the pool are not allowed.

2. Lifeguard discretion and direction regarding games in the pool prevails.
3. Diving is only allowed from the side of the pool in the deep end, i.e. "diving area." Only front dives are allowed.
4. Tubes or flotation devices of any kind are prohibited in the diving area. This includes noodles, kick boards, water wings, and lifejackets.
5. All injuries occurring within the pool enclosure must be immediately reported to the lifeguard.
6. Children ages 7 and under are permitted in the wading pool and MUST be under the supervision of an individual at least 16 years of age. **The lifeguards are not responsible for monitoring the wading pool.**
7. The use of cell phones, tablets, e-readers and/or other personal electronic devices are not permitted while a patron is in the water.
8. For the safety of all, the following items are prohibited in the pool and pool enclosure:
  - a) Glass containers and bottles.
  - b) Animals.
  - c) Rollerblades, skates, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, etc.
  - d) Frisbees.
  - e) Oversized flotation devices, as decided by the lifeguard, particularly when there are other patrons in the pool.
  - f) Firearms, fireworks, explosives.
  - g) Grills (pursuant to advice of Fairlington Meadows insurance carrier).

### **F. Swim Tests and Additional Items Regarding Children**

1. The lifeguards may require any patron who does not appear to be sufficiently capable of independently swimming to be subjected to a swim test. Anyone who has not passed a swim test and is within the lifeguards' discretion incapable of swimming independently (without the aid of another person or equipment) cannot swim in the pool in depths over his or her head, unless physically accompanied by a capable swimmer who can reasonably and safely offer assistance.
2. The swim test consists of swimming **two** lengths of the pool non-stop, unassisted, and without touching the bottom or lane ropes, immediately followed by treading water in the deep end for one minute. The lifeguard's decision of whether the swim test is passed or failed is final. The test may be retaken after a rest period of at least one hour.
3. Any patron who does not appear to be sufficiently capable of independently swimming must be within in arms reach of a parent or guardian at all times while in the pool. A parent or guardian cannot watch them from the side, but rather must be in the pool with them at all times.

### **G. Swim Lessons**

1. Fairlington Meadows Residents may have relatives or guests instruct their children to swim as long as the guest is signed in by the resident parent or guardian, and the resident remains present at the pool during the lesson. The resident is wholly responsible for their guest as noted above in the pool rules.
2. Group swim lessons are not permitted at the pool.

## **H. Other Important Reminders**

1. **Patrons may only eat in the grassy areas, on the patio - either under the shade structure or on the non-shaded area, or in the wading pool enclosure. Eating on the pool deck or in the pool is prohibited. Glass containers are not permitted anywhere in the pool enclosure.**
2. Please do not feed any squirrels or birds that happen to be on the pool grounds.
3. Use of super-soaker-type toys is not allowed on the pool deck at any time, including during breaks. Use of these toys in the pool is permitted at the lifeguard's discretion.
4. Marco Polo or any similar call and response games may not be played after 5 p.m.
5. No eating or drinking while in the water.
6. Lap lanes are reserved for patrons swimming laps. Patrons should refrain from loitering in or playing in the lap lane areas.
7. **The following activities are prohibited:**
  - a) Excessive noise.
  - b) Usage of radios without headphones.
  - c) Usage of phones on the speaker phone setting.
  - d) Hanging or sitting on the ropes.
  - e) Sitting or standing on the shoulders of another person in the pool.
  - f) Ball bouncing and ball throwing on the pool deck.
  - g) Jumping onto floats or tubes from the edge of the pool.
  - h) Games infringing on others' safety or reasonable enjoyment of the facility.
  - i) Chewing gum.
  - j) Underwater photography.

## **I. ENFORCEMENT**

1. Owners are liable for any damage they, their children, tenants, or their guests cause to the pool, bathhouse, fence, pool furniture or equipment.
2. **Anyone who violates the pool rules or fails to obey a directive from the lifeguards is subject to any or all of the following:**
  - a) Receiving a warning.
  - b) Being "benched" for up to 15 minutes.
  - c) Being ejected from the pool enclosure for the duration of the day due to safety and property damage violations.
  - d) Losing pool privileges for a maximum of 30 days for any one violation of these rules, per a Board of Directors decision.
3. Anyone who has been ejected may not return to the pool until they have had a conference with the head lifeguard and/or the Board of Directors, as the situation warrants. In the case of children ages 12 and under, the conference shall include the child's responsible resident adult.
4. A patron may be ejected from the pool enclosure immediately for any of the following infractions:
  - a) Pushing someone into the pool.
  - b) Being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
  - c) Fighting.
  - d) Or any other bona fide safety reason.
5. Climbing on or over the pool fence is strictly prohibited. Anyone entering the pool enclosure without a Recreation Card or when the pool is closed is in violation of trespass laws and subject to arrest. The

policy of the Board of Directors is to cooperate with the Arlington County Police to prosecute trespassers.

6. The Board of Directors may withhold or suspend recreational privileges for residents who are in violation of pool rules or other regulations contained in the Bylaws, including, but not limited to, those regarding condominium fees, parking, pets and trash disposal.

**Comments about pool operations should be directed to the Fairlington Meadows Pool Committee ([meadowspool@gmail.com](mailto:meadowspool@gmail.com)) and/or:**

**Fairlington Meadows**

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